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Dear Mr. Dawson:

Thank you very much for replying so promptly to my request for a copy of the McLaurin family history. My check for $5.00 is enclosed.

I found it very interesting reading! However, I wonder why my aunt did not include information about herself, my father (Robert), and the youngest child, Benjamin Collier. If you would be so kind, I would like the following paragraph to be added on Page 13 after Item C.

> Robert Linwood married Myra Agnes Wilson, daughter of Henry and Alice Bryan Wilson, from Choctaw County, Alabama. They had one daughter, Bobbie Ruth. She married William Irvin Gardner, son of Clifford and Rillah Dearman Gardner, from Meridian. They have three children, Nan Marie, William Stephen, and Rebecca Lyn.

My aunt would have to furnish you with her husband's name. I did not know him, and they had no children.

Benjamin Collier never married. He was killed as a young adult in a railroad accident.

I do think it would be appropriate to include the information that I have given you above. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Bobbie M. Gardner

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Catherine died before reaching maturity in Monroe county, Alabama near Fort Claiborn in 1822, the other in August in 1841 and buried in Family graveyard near Toomsuba in Lauderdale county, Mississippi.

CAROLINE MCLAURIN, the fourth daughter was born in Conecuh county, Alabama February 25, 1825, was married in February 1840 to Thomas Simmons, who resides near Lauderdale, Miss. From this marriage issued 9 children, some of whom died in infancy, except the elder, John Duncan, who died from a wound received while gallently fighting under Gen. R. E. Lee at the battle of The Wilderness, May 5 & 6, 1863. Those surviving are Sidney R., Neill McLaurin, Sarah Jane, married to James Delk, Mary S. married to Alex Millard. The single girls are Kitty and Oi'Zelle.

CHRISTINA, the fifth daughter, was born November 1827, married James L. Simmons in 1852 and resides near Lauderdale Springs. From this marriage issued one son James and three daughters, Sorintha, Jane E. and Martha.

NEILL MCLAURIN, father of these settled in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, near Toomsuba February 1835, where he died of pneumonia on the 19th day of February, 1856 in the 64th year of his age. He was a kind and good hearted man, as his son, the writer of this can testify from experience. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church for a number of years and it maybe said of him that he was raised in the church from infancy and in his mature and later years one of its pillars in the wild and sparcely settled county in which he lived.

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN ROY MCLAURIN of Toomsuba. Only son of Neill, son of Duncan, youngest son of OLD JOHN OF CULLODON was born in

Richmond county, N. C. on the 19th day of April 1819 A. D. His father moving from there to South Alabama in March 1821 and settled on Random creek in Monroe County and in 1822 settled in 1822, settled in Conecuh county, on Murder Creek 10 miles northeast of Burnt Corn Springs, where a battle was fought about 8 years before between the Whites and Creek Indians. In January 1835 his father settled at Toomsuba, in Lauderdale county, Miss. and after his death became the owner of the homestead where he still resides. Having been raised in a new county his opportunities for education were very limited, going to Old Field School only about 15 months, but being very studious he read every book and paper that came in his reach until he carried the name of "Book Worm" at home and abroad. In 1851 he was elected a member of the Mississippi legislature as a "State Rights Democrat", reelected in 1855 and 1863 during the Confederate war was again elected to the same office for this reason and for advocating the liberty and principles for which his grandfather and other patriots fought. He has been declared a criminal and disfranchised from the privileges of an American citizen by the political, bigots and tyrants now ruling his native land who in addition stripped him of many thousands of dollars worth of his property.

In March 1858 he was married to Amanda Patience Howard, who survived her marriage but a few months, dying on the 27th of October following the 24th year of her age. The marriage cerimony was performed by Thomas Y. Armstrong, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was selected principally because of his constant piety. On December 29, 1859 he was married a second time to Minerva Anne Ramsey by Rev. George Bancroft of the Methodist E. Church - eho is giving all his

time and strength to the cause of his Master and will in due time receive his reward. In connection with the subject of marriage the writer would express the opinion that it is too sacred a ceremony to be solemnised by any but a worthy minister of God.

From this marriage issued two sons and one daughter - JOHN RAMSEY, the first son was born on the 3rd of March 1861, was named John after his ancestor JOHN OF CULLODON and Ramsey to perpetuate his mother's maiden name in the family. He was religiously and solemnly dedicated to the service of God by Baptism in the Presbyterian church at Toomsuba by the Rev. James W. Phillips in June 1862.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, second son of John Roy McLaurin was born on the 10th day of August 1863. He was called Duncan, first because his grandfather Neill intended to name his father Duncan but the old father Duncan refused and named him after old JOHN OF CULLODON. He was called Duncan after [illegible] the good old man who left it honored after carrying it 92 years and his father hopes he may love it and honor it and never sully it during a long life. The name CAMPBELL was given partly after a friend (Rev. Duncan Campbell) and because it is one of the greatest and best names in Scottish history. To give instance only Duncan Campbell, Marguess of Lorn suffered martyrdom in defence of the protestant religion in the sixtenth century and to his son John First Duke of Argyle and Prime Minister of William of Orange is England indebted as much as to any one man for the seccess of Protestantism in that Kingdom. His father hopes from these reasons that little Duncan Campbell, when he reads this record in after years it may act as an inspiration to good and honorable deeds even to give his life if the sacred cause of religion should require - and they may also act as

a Talisman or shield to prevent him from a stain to sully his good name. He was dedicated to the service of God by baptism in his Uncle Duncan McLaurin's dwelling in Pelahatchy in Rankin County in August 1864 by Rev. Duncan A. Campbell of the Presbyterian church. The father of these boys earnestly desires that they may be zealous and efficient ministers in the service of God in the church of their fathers, for he is sure there is no other profession so honorable, useful and profitable within the reach of man. The next in his opinion is scientific farming. From many of the poplar professions of the time I would warn you as I would from the sting of the asp. Sin, trouble and ruin are the fruits they bear.

MINNIE or MINERVA JANE, only daughter of John Roy McLaurin was born the 6th day of October 1865. She was called Minerva because her father loved it as the name of his beloved wife and also for the ancient historical interest attached to it. She was called Jane after her grandmother Jane McCall, who was so pure and good that few came into her presence without feeling it and none were associated with her long especially her children but will feel her good influence through life, and her father hopes that little Minerva will feel that these names are sacred and she will succeed in clothing herself with the pure lives of these good women, as well as their names. She was dedicated to services of God by baptism in the Presbyterian church at Toomsuba by the Rev. John A. Smylie in June 1867.

DUNCAN MCLAURIN, second son of Duncan McJohn was born in Richmond county, N. C. in 1794, was given a classical education and studied and perfected himself in the profession of medicine and gave promise in early life of being successful and useful in his profession. But

alas, evil association brought him in contact with the Demon of intemperance, which first destroyed his usefulness and in the prime of life destroyed him, dying from its effects in Simpson county, Mississippi in 1845.

JOHN MCLAURIN, third son died in infancy the period of his birth not known but between 1795 & 8.

HUGH MCLAURIN, the fourth and youngest son was born in Richmond county, N. C. in October 1800. Was a modest, handsome man and would have doubtless made a good and useful man had it not been for strong drink, the curse of the human race of these times above any other unless it be covetousness. He persued the business of farming through life which terminated in March 1856. Neither he nor his brother Duncan ever married.

CHRISTIAN MCLAURIN, youngest daughter of DUNCAN MCJOHN, was born in Richmond county, N. C. in 1798, was married in Conecuh county, Alabama to Henry Howard about 1826. From this marriage issued one son and three daughters. Howard moved to Louisiana and settled near Trinity Washitaw where he soon died in 1841. The widow returned to Mississippi soon after with her daughters. Her son John remained where he married Miss ..... On a visit to his mother in August 1857 he died of Typhoid fever, leaving two small daughters. His remains lie buried in the Toomsuba graveyard beside his mother who died in 1862 and his sister Amanda, who died in 1858. The younger sister returned to Louisiana in 1867 where she now resides, near Trinity with a Mr. Lynch, who married her brother's widow.

I forgot the younger brother of Capt. Hugh McLaurin, by name John McLaurin or as he was called to distinguish him from others, Big John. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland about the year 1765 or 8.

Emigrated to the United States of America in 1790, was married about 1812 to a Miss McNair and settled in Chesterfield district, S. C. He had three sons. Daniel N., John and Laughlin. DANIEL N. MCLAURIN, son of Big John was born in Chesterfield district, S. C. about 1813, settled in Jefferson county, Mississippi about 1830, married a Miss Buie, has a large family. Has always bore the name of a good man and neighbor, very social in desposition and fond of hunting. Resides now in Jackson and Great Northern railroad. From early life a pious member of the Presbyterian church and for many years a ruling elder.
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early life. Served his native state N. C. in the legislature, became a wealthy farmer and lives a bachelor and is living 1871. John, second son of Hugh Ballehalis was born about 1793. Married about middle age a Miss Owens, who died in early life. He died about 1865, was a successful farmer and gathered a large estate.

MARY MCLAURIN, first daughter died unmarried - Barbara married Duncan McKenzie about 1818 and had six sons. They moved to Covington county, Miss. in 1831 where they died about 1848. Their sons Kenith, Daniel, Hugh, Duncan, Allen and John. They are all dead but Kenith and Allen. The latter lives in Smith county, Miss., the former in N. C. with his aged uncle. The other two daughters of Hugh Ballehalis married one to Duncan Duglas and the other to John McCall. They are dead, the children live in N. C.

CATHERIN of Glasco has a sister Mary about whom I know little. She married first a Mr. Black and after Kenith McKenzie (the father of Duncan above named). They all died long since.

Dr. John Ramsey McLaurin (my father) married Ara Ella Collier from Kewanee, Miss. (Lauderdale County). They had seven (7) children; John Duncan, Mary Minerva (named after paternal grandmother), Julia Ozelle (named after father's half sister and a first cousin - the O was dropped for convenience, I guess), Adrian, Robert Linwood (Brother), Susan Mildred (me), Benjamin Collier, the youngest, named after Mother's father.

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TARTAN colors are Green, Blue with pale Yellow

Clan Badger Spurge Laurel

This is an ancient clan, and of the many origins the most probable is that they are descended from St. Lawrence. Their country lay between Lochearnhead and Glengyle, and they appear in the Ragman Roll of 1296. They were allies of the Stewarts of Appin through a love-at-first-sight episode, and their feuds were frequent with the Buchanans, Campbells and MacGregors. They fought at Bannockburn, at Flodden, and at Pinkie. They have been distinguished in peace. The Psalms were translated into Gaelic by Colin MacLaren or MacLaurin, son of the Rev. John MacLaurin, minister of Glendaruel. Colin was born at Kilmodan in 1698. He was Professor of Mathematics in Edinburgh University in 1745. For having planned the defence of the city against Prince Charlie he had to abscond to York. The hardships of the journey caused an illness, of which he died in Edinburgh in 1746. The clan fought for Prince Charlie at Culloden. John MacLaren, Lord Dreghorn, raised to the Bench in 1787, extablished in Lyon Court that he was Chief of the clan;but his line expired. Archibald MacLauren, a dramatic writer of some distinction, produced two plays at an Edinburgh theatre. He died in 1826. The clan burial place is Leackine by Loch Earn. The clan is at present cheifless.

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Mac Laren, McLaurin, Mac laren, etc.

A Highland Scottish clan. Origin of the name rather obscure. Possible origin is that the family is decended from Laurentius of St. Lawrence. In Gaelic they are (Clan in hic Labhruinn) and in English the name is frequently written MacLaurin. It is an ancient family and was once possessed of considerable influence. They were divided into three main branches in the time of Edward 1st of England and all three Chiefs were compelled to sign the RAGMAN'S ROLL of 1296. The three were Maurice of Tyree, Coana of Balquhidder, and Laurin of Ardveche. In later times the Clan Laurin served Scotland well at Bannockburn, Flodden, Pinkie, etc. An interesting and romantic episode in the Clan history is their offensive and defensive alliance with the Stewarts of Appin. It seems that the Stewarts of Appin descend from a "Stewart" Lord of Lorn who married a daughter of MacLaurin of Ardveche in the 15th century.

The Clan under Dugal MacLauren of Invernentie was with Prince Charlie. Dugal was wounded at Cullodon and captured. His remarkable escape is said to have been the foundation of the story of "Pate in Peril" in Scott's "Red Gauntlet".

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War Cry "Creag an Turic" (The Boar's Rock)

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The decendants of OLD DUNCAN Mc OR MCJOHN as he was familiarly called by the old Scotch peopoe around him. Cathrine, by his first marriage never married and died in Lauderdale county, Miss. in January 1863 at the advanced age of 81 years. She was during her long life a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and was distinguished for her industry, visiting the sick and needy. It became proverbial to answer the inquire if any one was at the bed of sick or dead, "Aunt Katie was there", for by this affectionate was she known and by it she will be called until the generation that knew her last shall have past away. She was noted for her skill in weaving and many of valuable domestic arts. She was beloved by children who on sight of her approach to their home cry out "Younder comes Aunt Katie", and her pocket, a constant companion, would be sure to contain an apple, biscuit or some nice thins for her favorites as she always called them. What a commentary might be written about this good woman, raised in the lower walks of life without education or even the instruction of a mother to live a pious, industrious, useful life, beloved, soothing the aching head w when scorched with fever - closing the eyes of the poor sufferer when relieved from earthly afflictions. In contra-distinction to the petted child of fortune who in early life flitted like a butterfly around the giddy mase of fashian and folly, destroying her health and making herself a trouble to all about, to the ways of the short-sighted worlding and after a few years of fritting and suffering pass away, leaving a name not revered by any, because there were none of the endearing traits of the pious good woman left with it.

NEILL MCLAURIN, first son of DUNCAN MCJOHN was born in Richmond county, N. C. in August 1792, was married in 1816 to JANE MCCALL, from which marriage issued one son and five daughters. The daughters as follows: Mary, born in Richmond county, N. C. September 25, 1817, she married John Keeton February 1837 who died June 1868, she still resides on her homestead near Toomsuba in Lauderdale county, Miss. Annie and Catherine died before reaching maturity in Monroe county, Alabama near Fort Claiborn in 1822, the other in August in 1841 and buried in Family graveyard near Toomsuba in Lauderdaly county, Miss.

CAROLINE MCLAURIN, the fourth daughter was born in Conecuh county, Alabama February (4)

25, 1825, was married in February 1840 to Thomas Simmons, who resides near Lauderdale, Miss. From this marriage issued 9 children, some of whom died in infancy, except the elder, John Duncan, who died from a wound received while gallently fighting under Gen. R. E. Lee at the battle of The Wilderness, May 5 & 6, 1863. Those surviving are Sidney R., Neill McLaurin, Sarah Jane, married to James Delk, Mary S. married to Alex. Millard. The single, girls are Kitty and Oi'Zelle.

CHRISTIANA, the fifth daughter, was born November 1827, married James L. Simmons in 1852 and resides near Lauderdale Springs. From this marriage issued one son James and three daughters, Sorintha, Jane E. and Martha.

NEILL MCLAURIN, father of these settled in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, near Toomsuba Febnuary 1835, where he died of pneumonia on the 19th day of February, 1856 in the 64th year of his age. He was a kind and good hearted man, as his son, the writer of this can testify from expernence. He was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian church for a number of years and it maybe seid of him that he was raised in the church from infancy and in his mature and later years one of its pillars in the wild and sparcely settled county in chich he lived.

FAMILY RECORD OF JOHN ROY MCLAURIN of Toomsuba. Only son of Neill, son of Duncan, youngest son of OLD JOHNO OF CULLODON" Was born in Richmond county, N. C. on the 19th day of April 1819 A. D. His father moving from there to the South Alabama in March 1821 and settled on (Random creek in Monroe County and in 1822 settled in 1822, settled in Conecuh county, on Murder chrrek (Creek) 10 miles northeast of Burnt Corn Springs, where a battle was fought about 8 years before between the Whites and Creek Indians. In Jan. 1835 his father settled at Toomsuba, in Lauderdale county, Miss. and after his death became the owner of the homestead where he still resides. Having been raised in a new county his opportunities for education were very limited, going to Old Field school only about 15 months, but being very studious he read every book and paper that came in his reach until he carried the name of "book (Book) worm" at home and abroad. In 1851 he was elected a member of the Mississippi legislayure as a "State Rights Democrat", reblected in 1855 and 1863 during the Confederate war was again elected to the same office for

this reason and for advocating the liberty and principles for which his grand father and other patriots fought. He has been declared a criminal and disfranchised from the privileges of an American citizen by the political, bigots and tyrants now ruling his native land who in addition stripped him of many thousands of dollars worth of his property.

In March 1858 he was married to Amanda Patience Howard, who survivedh her marriage but a few months, dying on the 27th of October following the 24th year of her age. The marriage cerimony was performed by Thomas Y. Armstrong, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church and was selected principally because of his constant piety. On Dec. 29, 1859 he was married a second time to Minerva Anne Ramsey by Rev. George Bancroft of the Methodist E. church - who is giving nearly all his time and strength to the cause of his Master and will in due time receive his reward. In connection with the subject of marriage the writer would express the opinion that it is too sacred a ceremony to be solemnised by any but a worthy minister of God.

From this marriage issued two sons and one daughter - JOHN RAMSEY, the first son was born on 3rd of March 1861, was named John after his ancestor JOHN OF CULLODON and Ramsey to perpetuate his mother's maiden name in the family. He was religiously and solemnly dedicated to the service of God by Baptism in the Presbyterian church at Toomsuba by the Rev. James W. Phillips in June 1862.

DUNCAN CAMPBELL, second son of John Roy McLaurin was born on the 10th day of August A. D. 1863. He was called Duncan, forst because his grand father Neill intended to name his father Duncan but the old father Duncan refused and named him after ond JOHN OF CULLODON. He was called Duncan after the good old man who left it honored after carrying it 92 years and his father hopes he may love it and honor it and never sully it during a ling life. The name CAMPBELL was given partly after a friend (Rev. Duncan Campbell) and because it is one of the greatest and best names in Scottish history. (To give instance only Duncan Campbell, Marguess of Lorn suffered martyrdom in defence of the protestant religion in the sixtenth century and

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to his son John First Duke of Argyle and Prime Minister of William of Orange is England indebted as much as to any one man for the success of Protestantism in that Kingdom.) His father hopes from these reasons that little Duncan Campbell, when he reads this record in after years it may act as an inspiration to good and honorable deeds even to give his life if the sacred cause of religion should require - and they may also act as a Talisman or shield to prevent him from a stain to sully his good name. He was dedicated to the service of God by baptism in his uncle Duncan McLaurin, dwelling on Pelahatchy in Rankin county, in August 1864 by Rev. Duncan A. Campbell of the Presbyterian church.

The father of these boys earnestly desires that they may be zealous and efficient ministers in the service of God in the church of their fathers, for he is sure theer is no other profession so honorable, useful and profitable within the reach of man. The next in his opinion is scientific farming. From many of the popular professions of the time I would warn you as I would from the sting of the asp. Sin, trouble and ruin are the fruits they bear.

MINNIE or MINERVA JANE, only daughter of John Roy McLaurin was born the sixth day of October 1865. She was called Minerva because her father loved it as the name of his beloved wife and also for the ancient historical interest attacked to it. She was called Jane after her grandmother Jane McCall, who was so pure and good that few came into her presence without feeling it and none were associated with her long especially her children but will feel her good influence through life, and her father hopes that little Minerva will feel that these names are sacred and she will succeed in clothing her self with the pure lives of these good women, as well as their names. She was dedicated to services of God by baptism in the Presbyterian church at Toombuba by the Rev. John A. Smylie in June 1867.

DUNCAN MCLAURIN, second son of Duncan McJohn Was born in Richmond county, N. C. in 1794, was given a classical education and studied and perfected himself in the profession of medicine and gave promise in early life of being successful and useful in his profession. But alas, evil association brought him in contact with the Demon of

of intemperance, which first destroyed his usefulness and in the prime of life destroyed him, dying from its effects in Simpson county, Miss. 1845.

JOHN MCLAURIN, third son died in infancy the period of his birth not known but between 1795 & 8.

HUGH MCLAURIN, the fouth and youngest son was born in Richmond county, N. C. in Oct. 1800. Was a modest, handsome man and would have doubtless made a good and useful man had it not been for strong drink, the curse of the himan race of these times above any other unless it be covetousness. He persued the business of farming through life which terminated in March 1856. Neither he nor his brother Duncan ever married.

CHRISTIAN MCLAURIN, youngest daughter of DUNCAN MCJOHN, was born in Richmond county, N. C. in 1798; was married in Conecuh county, Alabama to Henry Howard about 1826. From this marriage issued one son and three daughters. Howard moved to Louisiana and settled near Trinity Washitaw where he soon died in 1841. The widow returned to Mississippi soon after with her daughters. Her son John remained where he married Miss. . . . . m. . . . On a visit to his mother in August 1857 he died of Typhoid fever, leaving two small daughters. His remains lie buried in the Toomsuba graveyard beside his mother who died in 1862 and his sister Amanda, who died in 1858. The younger sister returned to Louisiana in 1867 where she now resides, hear Trinity with a Mr. Lynch, who married her brother's widow.

I forgot the younger brother of Capt. Hugh McLaurin, by name John McLaurin or as he was called to distinghish him from others Big John. He was born in Argyleshire, Scotland about the year 1765 or 8. Emigrated to the United States of America in 1790, was married about 1812 to a Miss McNair and settled in Chesterfield district, S. C. He had three sons. Daniel N, John and Laoghlin. DANIEL N. MCLAURIN, son of Big John was born in Chesterfield district S. C. about 1813, settled in Jefferson county, Miss. about 1830, married a Miss Buie, has a large family. Has always born the name of a good man and neighbor, very social in disposition and fond of hunting. Resides now

Jackson and Great Northern railroad. From early life a pious member of the Presbyterian church and for many years a ruling elder.

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HUGH MCLAURIN, commonly called Ballehalis was a brother of Catherine of Glasco and after several years emigrated to the United States in 1790 having married a Miss Calhoun a short time before. Settled in Richmond county, N. C. wher he lived until his death which occurred about 1851, He was a good man living an exkemplary life in the Presbyterian church. He had two sons and four daughters. The first son Duncan was born about 1790 was well educated and studied law, was a fine scholar and stood high as a Teacher at which he made money in early life. Served his native state N. C. in the legislature, became a wealthy farmer and lives a bachelor and is living 1871. John, second son of Hugh Ballehalis was born about 17933. Married about middle age a Miss Owens, who died in early life. He died about 1865, was a successful farmer and gathered a large estate. MARY MCLAURIN, first daughter died unmarried - Barbara married Duncan McKenzie about 1818 and had six sons. They moved to Covington county, Miss. 1831 where they died about 1848. Their sons Kenith, Daniel, Hugh, Duncan, Allen and John. They are all dead but Nenith and Allen. The later lives in Smith county, Miss. the former in N. C. with his aged uncle. The other two daughters of Hugh Ballehalis married one to Duncan Duglas and the other to John McCall. They are dead, the children live in N. C.

CATHERIN of Glasco has a sister Mary about whom I know ittle. She married first a Mr. Blank and after Kenith McKenzie (the father of Duncan above named). They all died long since.

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Page 90 (Mac Laren McLaurin, Mac laren, etc.)

A Highland Scottish clan. Origin of the name rather obscure. Possible origin is that the family is decended from Laurentius or St. Lawrence. In Gaelic they are (Clan in hic Labhruinn(and in English the name is frequently written MacLaurin. It is an ancient family and was once possessed of considerable influence. They were divided into three main brahchers in the time of Edward 1st of England and all three Chiefs were compalled to sign the RAGMAN'S ROLL of 1296. The three were Maurice of Tyree, Conan of Balquhidder, and Laurin of Ardveche.

In later times the Clan Laurin served Scotland well at Bannockburn, Flodden, Pinkie etc. An interesting and romantic episode in the Clan history is their offensive and defensive alliance with the Stewarts of Appin. It seems that the Stewarts of Appin descend from a "Stewart" Lord of Lorn who married a daughter of MacLaurin of Ardveche in the 15th century.

The Clann under Dugal MacLauren of Invernentie was with Prince Charlie. Dugal was woulded at Cullodon and captured. His remarkable escape is said to have been the foundation of the story of "Pate in Peril" in Scott's "Red Gauntlet".

The Clan had its feuds with the Buchannan's, Campbell sand MacGregors. The Chiefship was in the family of the late Dugal MacLauren of the line that had occupied Ardveche for 600 years.

War Cry "Creag an Turic" (The Boar's Rock)

The Badge (Buaidh chraobh na la n bras (Laurel)

The Tartan is largely of Blue and Green, showing a trifle of Red and crossed by narrow Yellow strips.

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Married a Miss . . . . from which issued five sons and two daughters-the following is their history fron memory to date 1871. Daniel, first son was born in Richmond County, North Carolina about 1792. Was married to a Miss Mary McLaurin a distant relative in Chewraw, South Carolina about 1820, having two years before settled in Copiah county, Mississippi where he died about 1848 leaving one son and four daughters.

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TARTAN
Clan Colors are Green, blue with pale yellow
Clan Badges Spurge Laurel

This is an ancient clan, and of the many origins the most probable is that they are descended from St. Lawrence. Their country lay between Lochearnhead and Glengyle, and they appear in the Ragman ROLL of 1296. They were allies of the Stewarts of Appin through a love-at-first-sight episode, and their feuds were frequent with the Buchanans, Campbells, and MacGregors. They fough at Bannockburn, at Flodden, and at Pinkie. They have been distinguished in peace. The Psalms were translated into Gaelic by Colin MacLaren or MacLaurin, son of the Rev. John MacLaurin, minister of Glendaruel. Colin was born at Kilmodan in 1698. He was Professor of Mathematics in Edinburgh University in 1745. For having planned the defence of the city against Prince Charlie he had to abscond to York. The hardships of the journey caused an illness, of which he died in Edinburgh in 1746. The clan fought for Prince Charlie at Culloden. John Maclaren, Lord Dreghorn, raised to the Bench in 1787, established in Lyon Court that he was Chief of the clan; but his line expired. Archibald MacLauren, a dramatic writer of some distinction, produced two plays at an Edinburgh theatre. He died in 1826. The clan burial place is Leackine by Loch Earn. The clan is at present chiefless.

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